

WAS A FAIR VOTE

Kent County Republicans Work
in Harmony
TO SELECT THEIR DELEGATES

To the State Convention at Saginaw.
The Interest Was Great and Pro-
ceedings Lively.

Chairman I. F. Lamoreaux of the county committee called the Kent county republican convention to order in Metropolitan hall yesterday at 11 a. m., and Secretary George W. Bunnell read the call. Mr. Lamoreaux then called the Hon. Aaron Clark of Caledonia to preside during the temporary organization. Mr. Clark made a brief speech on the condition of the party, the country and the party's prospects, saying that it was announced some time ago that the party was dead, but he hadn't heard any such talk recently. For the last thirty years the party has shaped the legislation of the nation.

The party has ever kept personal interests secondary to those of the state and nation and so long as the principle is maintained the party will continue in power.

On motion of the Hon. Sybrand Weesellus a temporary secretary was appointed by the chair. Mr. Weesellus declining to act as secretary, John W. Shuler of Caledonia was appointed to that position.

George P. Wany moved that a committee of three be appointed on credentials, but on motion of E. D. Conger the motion was amended, making the number five and they were appointed as follows: George P. Wany, city; Nelson Kelly, Grand Rapids; E. D. Conger, city; W. S. Winesgar, Lowell; E. C. Watkins, Rockford. On motion of the Hon. S. Weesellus a committee of like number was appointed on permanent organization and order of business. It consisted of the following members: S. Weesellus, city; J. A. Rodgers, Caledonia; L. M. Sellers, Solon; H. A. Wiley, Tyrone; William Allen Smith, city.

No Resolutions.
William Allen Smith moved that a committee of three be appointed on resolutions, but it did not receive a ready second and some opposition to the motion was heard among the delegates. Mr. Smith withdrew his motion on the suggestion of Chairman Clark. A motion was then made by George P. Wany to adjourn until 1 p. m., but Mr. Conger of the committee on credentials thought the intervening committee would not be sufficient for the committee to prepare its report as there would probably be some contested delegations. He moved as an amendment that the convention adjourn until 2 p. m. The amendment was lost and the convention adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The Work of Selecting Delegates Proceeds Harmoniously.

It was 1:20 when Chairman Clark rapped the convention to order at the afternoon session. A large crowd was in attendance and much interest was apparent in the faces of the delegates. The first business brought before that body was the report of the committee on credentials. It was signed by four members of the committee, Mr. Conger, the fifth member, dissenting from the report. The report as submitted recommended the seating of the Dregge delegation from the eleventh ward of this city instead of the Jacobs delegation.

A motion having been made to accept and adopt the report, Mr. Conger explained his reasons for declining to sign the report of the committee. He stated that a caucus had been called in the eleventh ward for the election of delegates, and that several men met in a grocery store and elected delegates that had been recommended by the committee on credentials, and that the other three had been elected by a caucus held in the rooms of the eleventh ward republican club, attended by thirty-four electors. He thought the choice of thirty-four men should be accepted in preference to that of the seventeen. The report of the committee was accepted and adopted. It showed every township and ward to be represented excepting the townships of Oakfield and Spencer.

Committee on Organization.

S. Weesellus of the committee on permanent organization and order of business submitted the report of his committee which recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent and that the order of business be the election of forty-seven delegates to the state convention to be apportioned as follows: Twenty-four from the city, eleven from each of the two representative districts and one delegate from the county at large. The report also gave the towns and wards that were represented by only one delegate the power to cast the full vote of the original delegation. The report so far as the permanent organization was concerned was accepted and adopted, but the portion relating to the apportionment of delegates was discussed at length. George P. Wany moved that the report be so amended that the city delegates should be elected two from each ward,

and the amendment was supported by L. M. Sellers. Mr. Sellers thought the failure to mention in the report that two delegates be elected from each ward was the result of a fight among the city delegates. Mr. Weesellus replied that the county delegates were so suspicious that they saw a coon in every wood pile, and to settle the matter without further controversy, he would accept the amendment and the report as so amended was accepted and adopted.

Ken's Two Candidates.

At this point Mr. Wany sprang to his feet with a crumpled paper in his hand and proceeded to tell the convention that Kent county had two candidates for state offices, who were about to ask favors of the delegates that would be elected at the convention. If the delegates should go to the Saginaw convention divided between Mr. Maynard and Mr. McCoy, the chances for the success of either would be ruined, and Kent county would get no place on the state ticket. Mr. Wany was in favor of Mr. Maynard for attorney general, but if the county convention wanted Mr. McCoy for state treasurer he would be willing to go to the state convention and work in McCoy's behalf. Mr. Wany then offered a resolution requesting the delegates elected to the state convention to use their influence and work for the nomination of Mr. Maynard for attorney general.

Major E. C. Watkins of Rockford opposed the resolution. The delegates had not been elected and he moved to lay the resolution on the table. This was supported by E. M. Barnard of Grand Rapids, who was opposed to instructing the delegates and thought the matter should be settled by the delegates when they shall have assembled at Saginaw. The names of both Maynard and McCoy were cheered by their friends and supporters. The motion to lay Mr. Wany's resolution on the table was carried.

Recommend Delegates.

Upon motion the convention then adjourned fifteen minutes and the delegates divided into representative districts for the purpose of recommending delegates for election to the state convention. When the convention reassembled the following delegates were reported by their respective districts and were ratified by the convention as a body:

Delegate at-large—L. H. Hunt, Lowell.

First District.

First Ward—G. H. DeGraaf, Cornelius Stryker. Second Ward—E. D. Conger, J. B. Gooden. Third Ward—A. Blodgett, H. N. Moore. Fourth Ward—F. S. Clark, George P. Wany. Fifth Ward—Thomas Bechtel, Joseph Dillon. Sixth Ward—W. H. Stokes, Joseph Ingraham. Seventh Ward—J. Knok, S. H. Culver, Eugene Walden. Eighth Ward—S. G. Keckum. Ninth Ward—William Haynes, C. R. Olewine. Tenth Ward—L. K. Bishop, S. Weesellus. Eleventh Ward—John Dregge, P. S. Skoels. Twelfth Ward—W. T. Jonsson, George W. Law.

Second District.

Delegate at-large—L. H. Hunt, Lowell; William P. Carl, Ada; Peter J. Sinclair, Bowne; H. M. Hathaway, Byron; Edgar R. Johnson, Cascade; J. W. Shuler, Caledonia; Aaron Clark, Gaines; E. M. Barnard, Grand Rapids; A. W. Winesgar, Lowell; Conner Smith, Paris; James H. Andrews, Vergennes; Loren Day, Wyomung.

Third District.

At-large, Neal McMullan, Algoma; E. C. Watkins, Algoma; R. A. Hastings, Sparta; Wesley Porter, Alpine; C. N. Hyde, Plainfield; R. E. Graham, Walker; H. H. Wiley, Tyrone; C. I. Walker, Grand Rapids; L. M. Sellers, Solon; Fred Hubbard, Nelson; E. A. Morris, Courtland.

The Delegates at-large.

The convention then proceeded to the election of a delegate from the county at large. E. M. Barnard, on behalf of the second representative district, offered the name of the Hon. L. H. Hunt of Lowell. The nomination of Mr. Hunt was supported by Mr. Sellers of Cedar Springs. Alderman Dregge presented the name of E. Crofton Fox. Jimmie Coye and Dr. Griswold supported the nomination of Mr. Hunt. Mr. Weesellus stepped to the front and said he desired to nominate a man for that position who was not a politician, an office holder or a seeker after official honors. This man had contributed more for the success of the republican party than any other man that was not a politician. He is well known throughout the state and would have a great influence in the state convention.

He closed his eloquent speech by nominating E. Crofton Fox. E. M. Barnard replied that Mr. Hunt had the unanimous support of the two representative districts and was sure of being elected, and told Mr. Weesellus that his expenditure of oratory had been useless.

With considerable enthusiasm Mr. Weesellus retorted that oratory was useless against any machine. Mr. Wany said he would not speak for or against the nomination of these being a machine, but would vote for Mr. Hunt. Mr. Weesellus replied that the former element wearing diamond studs and white shirts had got the portion that follows the plow under the subjection and was driving them like cattle to water, and taking everything into consideration he would withdraw the name of Mr. Fox.

Mr. Hunt was then elected by acclamation on motion of Jimmie Coye. The list of delegates as reported was then elected.

Mr. Wany then moved to take his resignation relative to Mr. Maynard's candidacy from the table. His motion was supported by William Allen Smith, who thought the question should be decided as to whether Kent county wishes a candidate for attorney general or for state treasurer. He declared that he would be pleased to go to Saginaw and work for either Mr. Maynard or Mr. McCoy. He said he had the best interests of the party in mind and that the eyes of the whole state are centered on Kent county republicans. He would love to go down to Saginaw and work for either candidate, as he was for the party first and men afterwards. He said personal interests should be subordinated to the interests of the party. He was anxious to get an expression from the delegates.

Objected to Instructing.

Mr. Conger opposed the motion to take Mr. Wany's resolution from the table. The delegates had already been elected and instructions at that time would have little weight with them. He personally favored the candidacy of Mr. McCoy, but in favor of Mr. Maynard he would support him in the state convention. He then offered as a substitute for Mr. Wany's motion that the delegates elected meet in the hall after the convention adjourns and express their choice for committee.

Mr. Wany opposed the motion.

Edgar R. Johnson then came to the defense of the former delegates. He said the former knew how he wants to

vote. They were not accustomed to machine tactics and wanted freedom in the expression of their political views. Jimmie Coye was again on his feet, and moved as a substitute for Mr. Conger's motion that the delegates meet in caucus at Saginaw at the time of the state convention and decide upon one of the candidates.

The Delegates Sustained.

The motion to take Mr. Wany's resolution from the table was then voted upon and declared carried. Mr. Wany then moved to pass the resolution. E. M. Barnard arose to oppose the motion, when Mr. Dregge moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was voted upon and declared carried, but a division of the house was called for and the motion was lost by a vote of 40 to 35.

Mr. Wany then renewed his motion to adopt his resolution, and some discussion followed. Mr. Weesellus and his reference to machine work had been in jest and to lay all play aside, he would say that in his opinion the state convention would decide whether it wanted a state treasurer or an attorney general from Grand Rapids. He advised united action, and thought the question should be left to the delegates.

L. M. Sellers said the country portion of the delegates were not antagonistic to either candidate and wanted the question left to the state convention. He moved as a substitute that an expression of the convention be taken in regard to the candidacy and support of the Hon. John T. Rich.

Did's Want His Name Tied.

Mr. Weesellus did not want to go to Saginaw with his hands tied. He would not be influenced by any resolutions that might be passed. He was a free American citizen and would avail himself of the right to act as a free citizen. E. C. Watkins moved that the convention adjourn on a division of the house by a vote of 45 to 35.

Among the Spectators.

Ex-Senator Weesellus is a giant in stature and a giant in leadership. He succeeded in carrying every point by proposing and leading to objection, or in objecting and then agreeing to accept the very thing he objected to, but wanted from the first. If the other side was wanted to do a thing, he opposed it and won to consummate fact in "knocking under."

Mr. Wany was a conspicuous member of the body—aggressive and at times pugnacious, but the gentle voice of Weesellus mollified his irritability and left him when the convention adjourned as happy as a clam.

Ex-Senator Peter Doren was there, and is grateful for many interruptions of parliamentary law which were not given to him in Lansing.

Colonel Bishop was glad that it turned out as it did and declared that it was one of the most interesting county conventions he had ever seen.

Congressman Belknap, looking cool and happy, sat in the rear of the hall and was kept busy shaking hands with constituents.

William Allen Smith was equal to the occasion and delivered a fine speech.

Alderman Tateum took in the proceedings with evident relish, and seemed to wish that he was among 'em.

Aaron Clark presides with force, determination and ready discrimination.

The secretaries had little to do, but they did it with accuracy and dispatch. It was a hot day and perspiration and oratory flowed freely.

PEOPLE'S PARTY.

Its County Convention Elected Delegates Last Night.

The people's party county convention was held last night in Good Templars' hall. Paul Marin called the convention to order. Ralph Treat was elected temporary chairman and D. H. Carv secretary. William Ties, James R. Dennison, Frank DeBar, Jacob Tazellier and John Bouncer were appointed committee on credentials. George Harding, Fifth Ward Alliance club; Jacob Vos, Holland Furniture Workers association; C. C. Hochmuth, Mill Creek Patrons of Industry; Charles Bissonett, Sixth Ward Alliance; Charles Sherburne, Eight Ward Alliance; H. C. Hochmuth was elected from the Patrons of Industry of Walker; A. W. Lamoreaux, Plainfield; John L. Taylor, Lowell; James Moorman, Alpine; John G. Berry, Cannon; Barrie Karselboom, Byron; Henry P. Marble, Wyomung; Fred J. Taylor, Grand Rapids; Charles Inman, Ada; E. R. Keesh, Algoma; Frank DeBar and Nicholas Walcher, first ward; Joseph W. Welton and Jacob Tazellier, second ward; Peter DeBar, third ward; Harriet, third ward; James R. Dennison and Dennis H. Carv, fourth ward; Ralph Treat and George Robinson, fifth ward; John Gerver and Frank Camp, sixth ward; Fred Spencer and George L. Thomas, seventh ward; William F. Tea and Andrew Inman, eighth ward; Jasper Henderson and William Corlies, ninth ward; Charles Duda and John Feber, tenth ward; George W. Whitman and C. A. Laughlin, eleventh ward; William Hall and Dennis Camp, twelfth ward.

Each delegate will be permitted to select his own alternate.

The convention was addressed by W. D. Fuller, George Robson, James R. Dennison, William Ties and others. The Omaha platform was unanimously approved by the convention.

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